

❧ In Memoriam ❧

DONALD A. CHARNOCK, M.D.

September 25, 1893-June 16, 1968

LONG A LEADER in the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association and the American Medical Association, Don Charnock was by nature a forceful, strong and outspoken member of the profession. These qualities were tempered by a very fair, honest and judicial mind which made him at once highly respected and successful in whatever he undertook in organized medicine.

During all the time he sat on the Council of the California Medical Association, and particularly during his years of high office as Vice-Speaker, Speaker and President, it was my good fortune to sit on the Council as Editor of CALIFORNIA MEDICINE and to have been associated with him. Our relationship was a close one because, furthermore, we also served as Delegates to the AMA House of Delegates.

Don came to the Vice-Speakership and Speakership of the House of Delegates of the CMA after superb training under the tutelage of his two immediate predecessors, Lowell Goin and Louis Allesen, who were masters of the difficult task of presiding over a large deliberative legislative body—particularly one composed of physicians. As a result he, too, was an outstanding speaker—fair, deliberate, knowledgeable, but always firm and precise in his decisions. The seven years he served as Vice-Speaker and Speaker, 1948 to 1955, revealed qualities of leadership that led to his election to the Presidency of the CMA in 1957.

The high respect in which he was held is indicated by the fact that subsequently he became chairman of the Judicial Commission of the Association and whenever there was a very knotty or difficult problem in medical ethics at the state level, he was the one thought of and turned to by the leadership of the profession. He was recognized as the one outstanding member of the Association who could always be counted on to informally and fairly settle a problem of judicial nature or to preside at a hearing in which problems in judgment of medical ethics were in balance.

Don for years served as a very effective member of the House of Delegates of the AMA. He brought to the delegation the same qualities of leadership and the clear mind he had shown in CMA affairs.

It was my strong hope, along with others, that Don would become a Trustee of the AMA. He would superbly represent the CMA. His capability would have added balance and judgment to the deliberations of the Board. But, when the opportunity was available he, probably wisely, felt he was too old to carry on in so time-consuming and tiring a position.

In his time, then, Don Charnock served the CMA well. He will be a leader long remembered, for he had those elements which naturally result in leadership—loyalty, honesty, fairness and perception, and a capacity clearly to express these qualities by which he lived and carried on whatever he undertook. He was a long-time and true friend of mine and of countless others who, while we mourn his passing, rejoice with me that he lived and that we knew him well.

DWIGHT L. WILBUR, M.D.

BEDRI, MARCEL RECHTMAN, Menlo Park. Died 28 May 1968 in Palo Alto, aged 66. Graduate of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, 1928. Licensed in California in 1963. Doctor Bedri was a member of the Santa Clara County Medical Society.



FINK, DAVID HAROLD, Carmel. Died 21 July 1968 in Carmel, aged 73. Graduate of Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery, 1929. Licensed in California in 1933. Doctor Fink was a retired member of the Monterey County Medical Society and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.



FLEWELLING, LOLITA M. R., Napa. Died 25 July 1968 in Napa, aged 72. Graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles, 1921. Licensed in California in 1921. Doctor Flewelling was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.



FRENCH, CHARLES E., San Francisco. Died 17 July 1968 in San Francisco, aged 88. Graduate of the University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles, 1902. Licensed in California in 1902. Doctor French was a retired member of the San Francisco Medical Society and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.

HAMPTON, STANFORD PAUL, Santa Rosa. Died 14 July 1968, aged 42. Graduate of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, 1950. Licensed in California in 1951. Doctor Hampton was a member of the Sonoma County Medical Society.



HAYES, JOSEPH HAROLD, Los Angeles. Died 11 April 1968, aged 52. Graduate of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, 1943. Licensed in California in 1944. Doctor Hayes was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.



HEMINGTON, DAVID EMERSON, Long Beach. Died 21 July 1968 in Long Beach, aged 65. Graduate of Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, 1930. Licensed in California in 1944. Doctor Hemington was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.



HERBERT, WALTER W., San Francisco. Died 18 July 1968 in San Francisco of acute leukemia, aged 44. Graduate of Long Island College of Medicine, 1947. Licensed in California in 1962. Doctor Herbert was a member of the San Francisco Medical Society.



LANE, CAREL W., Eagle Mountain. Died 19 July 1968 in an airplane accident at Eagle Mountain, aged 41. Graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto-San Francisco, 1956. Licensed in California in 1957. Doctor Lane was a member of the Riverside County Medical Association.



NASH, LOUIS ROGERS, Camarillo. Died 10 July 1968 in Camarillo, aged 61. Graduate of Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C., 1933. Licensed in California in 1942. Doctor Nash was an associate member of the Ventura County Medical Society.



NETHERCUT, RUTH ALLEN, Palo Alto. Died 6 August 1968 in San Francisco, aged 76. Graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto-San Francisco, 1925. Licensed in California in 1927. Doctor Nethercut was a retired member of the San Francisco Medical Society and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.



PEYTON, THOMAS ROY, Los Angeles. Died 3 August 1968 in Los Angeles, aged 70. Graduate of Long Island College of Medicine, New York, 1921. Licensed in California in 1944. Doctor Peyton was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.



ROOS, VICTOR OTTO, Redlands. Died 2 July 1968, aged 76. Graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles, 1935. Licensed in California in 1935. Doctor Roos was a member of the San Bernadino County Medical Society.

SIZEMORE, PLEAS D., Porterville. Died 21 March 1968 of astrocytoma, aged 65. Graduate of the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, Los Angeles, 1949. Licensed in California in 1949. M.D. degree from California College of Medicine, 1962. Doctor Sizemore was a member of the Forty First Medical Society.



STERLING, LAWRENCE SHEPHERD, Encino. Died 2 July 1968 in Van Nuys, aged 61. Graduate of Wayne University College of Medicine, Detroit, 1936. Licensed in California in 1946. Doctor Sterling was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.



STRASS, JULIAN J., Inglewood. Died 22 June 1968 in Gardena, aged 60. Graduate of Des Moines Still College of Osteopathy, Des Moines, Iowa, 1951. Licensed in California in 1953. M.D. degree from California College of Medicine, 1962. Doctor Strass was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.



TIBER, LEON J., Los Angeles. Died 20 July 1968 in Los Angeles of cardiac arrest, aged 76. Graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, 1919. Licensed in California in 1930. Dr. Tiber was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.



UNCAPHER, REX P., La Jolla. Died 28 July 1968, aged 55. Graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, 1938. Licensed in California in 1946. Doctor Uncapher was a member of the San Diego County Medical Society.



WANITA, GEORGE NORMAN, Morro Bay. Died 10 July 1968 in San Luis Obispo, aged 62. Graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, 1939. Licensed in California in 1940. Doctor Wanita was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.



WELBOURN, LELAND S., Van Nuys. Died 12 July 1968 in Van Nuys, aged 75. Graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, 1918. Licensed in California in 1919. Doctor Welbourn was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.



ZAİK, EDWARD JOSEPH, Los Angeles. Died 28 July 1968 in Glendale, aged 54. Graduate of Wayne University College of Medicine, Detroit, 1938. Licensed in California in 1944. Doctor Zaik was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.



ZUNDELL, JOSEPH LAMONTE, San Francisco. Died 7 July 1968 in San Francisco, aged 62. Graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, 1932. Licensed in California in 1949. Doctor Zundell was a member of the San Francisco Medical Society.